

ry. In all matters which did not concern the immemorial privi-eges of monopolies, his intercourse with the French Govern-.nent was cordial and successful. Tic had many claims to •ecognition which would have been lacking in any other \merican of the day, with the sole exception of Franklin. Tic ,vas known personally to many French officers, and had euter-ained at Monticello Frenchmen of eminent attainments in civil ife. His State papers had had wide circulation; and the publication of his "Notes on Virginia," soon after his arrival in Paris, confirmed the popular opinion of him as a man of power, md a happy and forceful writer, flis manners were frank, graceful, and genial. Above all, he was known lev be thoroughly n accord with those sentiments of liberty and of national rights it that time so popular among even the nobility of I^l'ranee.

IHit, however much these advantages served him, he still lad to confront manifold prejudices in all that concerned com-nerce. lie had to meet formal complaints presented by the French ministers against the conduct of certain individual Stales)f the American Confederation touching the treaty with 1'Yauée, !t was broadly intimated thai in consequence of the separate iction of certain States, arrangements with them, as a whole, :0'tild not be depended upon. A vicious system of over-trading n Europe, pursued by too many Americans after the Peace of 783, brought results which completely blocked anything like L secure and advantageous treaty of commerce. ICven in Franco nuch doubt of America's credit prevailed. *In* Kngland, Adams vas subjected to repeated humiliation on this score, for the vholc American people were there indiscriminately branded as •heats and swindlers. Jefferson, on the single occasion of his >resentation at the Knglish court, fancied that he himself was he object of this feeling. lie felt thai "it was impossible for nything to be more ungracious than the royal notice of Mr, Vdams and himself," In a letter of January, 1786, he concisely ketched the causes of America's unsavory reputation. "Two irtimstanccs arc particularly objected to us; the non-payment >f our debts, and the want of energy in our government. These liscourage a connection with us." And he wrote his old friend,